

Local Railway Items from Area Papers - St. Andrews Railway

31/05/1889 Lachute Watchman Lachute St. Andrews

We are sorry if the people of Lachute do not realise the importance of railway connection between Lachute and St. Andrews. From a selfish point of view they should strongly be interested as it must necessarily increase the volume of trade. We presume that the days of rivalry between the two places are past. Lachute need not be alarmed at the growth of St. Andrews interfering with its trade, our opinion is that Lachute, being established as a centre of trade, the growth of villages contiguous to it must necessarily be of great benefit. Should the south shore not be built, the building of which is exceedingly doubtful, the trade from Pointe Fortune, up on the south side of the Ottawa will naturally find its way to Montreal by Lachute. The storekeepers would find no doubt a reduction of freight rates in summer. The development of the water power at Carillon must also indirectly benefit us. We hail with pleasure the prospect of railway connection with St. Andrews. It is a project which will increase the wealth of the county and develop its resources, and as such, should interest every resident to whatever particular locality he may belong.

At the request of Mr. Mercier, on Tuesday last, a deputation consisting of Messrs. J.A.N. McKay, J.S. Buchan and Mr. Davis, son-in-law to Hon. J.K. Ward, interviewed the government in regard to a re-vote of a subsidy of 400 acres of land per mile to the St. Andrews railway. Mr. Mercier gave his word of honor that by the first of July an official letter or an order in-council would be issued guaranteeing that the old subsidy would be voted, but conditionally. The conditions were at once fulfilled and no doubt work will shortly commence. If the road is built, it will be the outcome of the efforts of several gentlemen, of both political parties, viz; Messrs. Abbott, Wilson, Owens, McKay, Simpson, de Laronde, Robertson and others.

24/12/1891 Ottawa Citizen Lachute St. Andrews

St. Andrews Railway.

St. Andrews, 23rd. - The first passenger train was put on the St. Andrews Railway today and will run in connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway, and will transfer passengers and freight at Lachute for Montreal and Ottawa. Two important manufacturers have already applied to the council for special privileges, which the latter is ready to comply with. St. Andrews possesses one of the best water powers in the Ottawa Valley, and now that it is connected with the greatest railway system in Canada, should be before long, a manufacturing town.

25/12/1891 Lachute Watchman Lachute St. Andrews

The St. Andrews Railroad Opened

It has come at last and now regular trains are running between St. Andrews and Lachute every day. The first trip was made on Wednesday evening (23rd), leaving St. Andrews at 5.50 p.m and arriving in Lachute at 5.08 [sic]. The night was a most disagreeable one, but notwithstanding quite a number of villagers assembled to view the departure of the first passenger train. The train hands were, Supt. Heath, Conductor Hess, Fireman Laroque, Brakesman Hessman while R. Neil ran the engine. The passengers were Messrs. Geo. Simpson, I. Sauve, M. Wanless, C. Ladouceur, H. Ladouceur, C.T. Wales, W.J. Simpson, G.F. Calder, C. Calder, J.W. Cottingham and Geo. Campbell. The run, strictly speaking, was made in 16 minutes, including one stop. Several passengers for St. Andrews came off the Montreal train and were delighted to have escaped a long miserable drive in a dark rainy night. The train leaves St. Andrews every morning at 9 a.m. and 5.50 p.m. Returning leaves Lachute on the arrival of the westbound train. Passengers for St. Andrews coming from Ottawa on the evening train can hold the train until their arrival by telegraphing from Calumet. The fare to Lachute is 25 cents.

15/01/1892 Lachute Watchman Lachute St. Andrews Railway

Last week the engines of the St. Andrews Railway collided at the Foundry street crossing smashing the cowcatchers.

19/02/1892 Lachute Watchman Lachute St. Andrews

The tremendous storm of Sunday night has completely blocked the St. Andrews Railway. All the trains on the C.P.R. were supplied with two engines and even then were late. The snow plough arrived here around ten o'clock and cleared the way.

24/12/1906 Lachute Watchman Ottawa Valley St. Andrews

Ottawa Railway Co.

Dispute regarding the village of St. Andrews bonds

The Court of Review has confirmed the judgment of the lower court in the case of the corporation of the village of St. Andrews vs. William Owens and the Ottawa Railway Company. The company appealed from a judgment declaring that the plaintiff was entitled to the delivery of \$20,000 of its bonds. The plaintiff had voted \$10,000 bonus to any company constructing a railway from St. Andrews to Lachute. As security the company was to deposit \$20,000 first mortgage bonds. These bonds were to be returned when the conditions had been fulfilled. William Owens was accepted as trustee. The Ottawa Valley Railway Company bought the railway and exchanged the bonds originally deposited for a like amount of its own. It was alleged that the conditions of the by-law had not been fulfilled and it was asked that the bonds be delivered over to the plaintiff as its own property. The defendant Owens declared that he was ready to abide by the order of the court and asked to be relieved of all responsibility after having deposited the bonds in court. The judgment of the lower court so ordered and this defendant ceased to have any further interest in the litigation. The Company's pleas were rejected, the plaintiff proving that the operation of the road had been impossible owing to its not being completed within the specified time.